



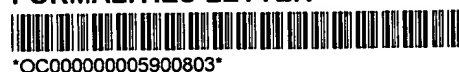
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## NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

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All of the items noted below and a newly executed oath or declaration covering the items must be submitted within **TWO MONTHS** of the date of this Notice, unless otherwise indicated, or proceedings on the application will be terminated (37 CFR 1.53(e)).

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- The application was deposited without drawings. 35 U.S.C. 113 (first sentence) requires a drawing "where necessary for the understanding of the subject matter sought to be patented." *Applicant should reconsider whether the drawings are necessary under 35 U.S.C. 113 (first sentence).*

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Examiner : Unknown

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE APPLICATION AND PETITION THAT  
APPLICATION BE ACCORDED FILING DATE

In response to the Notice of Incomplete Application mailed March 26, 2001 (copy enclosed), applicant provides the following clarification and respectfully requests that the filing date of November 27, 2000, be granted.

The Notice of Incomplete Application states that the application was deposited without drawings and, therefore, is not entitled to the filing date of November 27, 2000.

As indicated by the enclosed Declarations of Samuel Borodach, Dale L. Maher, Jana Jones and Francisco Robles, six sheets of informal drawings were filed on November 27, 2001 as part of the application papers that were mailed to the PTO. The Transmittal Letter that accompanied the application indicates that six (6) pages of drawings were included. The return postcard enclosed with the application also noted that six sheets of informal drawings were enclosed. The PTO stamped the return post-card with a note indicating that "The PTO did not receive the following noted item(s): 6 sheets of formal drawing." (underscoring added). Applicant does not disagree with the statement that formal drawings were not filed on November 27, 2000 (although they were filed subsequently on March 27, 2001). However, as indicated

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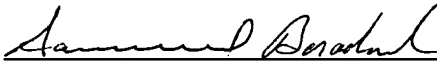
above, and as confirmed by the enclosed Declarations, six sheets of informal drawings were submitted as part of the original application papers filed on November 27, 2000. Copies of the Specification, including the six sheets of informal drawings that were previously filed, as well as the Declaration and Power of Attorney, are enclosed. A copy of the PTO-stamped postcard also is enclosed.

Additionally, a certified copy of the foreign priority document was enclosed with the application papers filed on November 27, 2000 (a copy of that document is enclosed herewith). The certified copy of the priority document includes six sheets of drawings which, with the exception of the translation of Japanese terms into English, are substantially the same as the informal drawings discussed above.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that the application was complete as filed and does not believe that any petition fee under 37 CFR §1.17(h) is due. If a petition fee is due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any necessary fees to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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